lower rate was really availed of also by those not entitled to it. They prayed for this anomaly being removed and a uniform rate of Rs. 2 being substituted for all people alike.

Reply.—The present practice is no doubt anomalous and liable to abuse. Except Government officers to whom the Gazette is issued free, the rates will be made uniform for officials and non-officials alike. Special matters not included in the body of the Gazette *viz.*, the Police, Excise, Agricultural and Archæological sheets, T. I. C. Proceedings, &c., will be made available to the public at nominal prices.

213. Desirability of putting a stop to departmental circulars affecting public convenience.

Mr. M. Bhuthalingam Pillai (*Eraniel*) said that circulars issued independently of Government by heads of departments caused considerable inconvenience and difficulty to the people and, to avoid it, it was desirable to stop them altogether or at least to cause them to be published in the Government Gazette.

Reply.—This cannot be allowed. If any party is injuriously affected by any departmental circular, it is open to him to make representations in the matter. Transactions of public business cannot be hampered by such restrictions as those proposed by the member.

214. Appointment of Ealavas in the public service.

Mr. M. Govindan B. A., B. L., (*Sri Narayana Dharma Paripalanayogam, Trivandrum*) *and Mr. G. Idichandy, B. A., Bar-at-Law.*, (*Mavelikara*) represented that qualified and educated Ealavas might be entertained in the public service and encouragement thereby given to the advancement of education in the community.

Reply.—So far as Government are concerned, they do not wish to make any distinction in the matter of appointing Ealavas in the public service. The difficulty lies in the sentiments of other communities with whom they have to move and work. It is hoped that these sentiments will gradually wear away and that Government will be enabled to lay open to the Ealavas even the few departments which alone now seem to be closed against them.

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